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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 2½ per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.
Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.
LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879.
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.
American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.
COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.
COCOA MATTING.
TAPESTRY CARPET.
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REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.
TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.
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VAYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.
COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING CALL BELLS.
IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.
DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.
TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.
FOLDING CHAIRS.
CIGARS, CIGARETTES.
KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOS.
HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.
CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.
CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.
CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

SAM HING STULTZ,

HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRINES,"

AND

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.
WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.
TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.
BATS in every STYLE.
DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.
Price, FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.
To be had from Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSHE, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A NEW COTTAGE GRAND PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe6

NOW READY.

FENG-SHUI, or THE FUNDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. F. J. EITZEL. One Volume, 8vo. Price, \$1.50.
Buddhism, its HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGIONS, in three Lectures, By Dr. E. J. EITZEL. Second Edition. One Volume, 8vo. Price, \$1.50.
Orders will be received by Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Hongkong, July 31, 1879.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETTS'S DIARIES. LETTS'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS.
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.
The New Patent LIFE VESTS.
PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.
SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.
WORKS OF REFERENCE. California APPLES.
HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.
COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.
SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.
FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.
CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.
BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.
DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.
PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.
CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.
AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.
SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BATONETS.
BASS'S ALE.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.
Bass in Hds., SACCO'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 30, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.
MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. my29

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION of FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. fe13

F. HUTCHINGS
begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SEVENTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TALLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January.
Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th January, inclusive.
By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. fe6

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February.
Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fe13

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

SULLIVAN'S OPERA

H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

ON

MONDAY,

February 10th, 1879.

TICKETS may be procured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after Wednesday, February 6th.

G. B. EMORY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe11

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from this Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. VON PUSTAU.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.
The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR OTTO BENCKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai,
& and Shanghai, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.
THOS. ARNOLD.
16, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEUNG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. fe4

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE.
Office, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE,
ERICH GEORG.
Peddar's Hill, No. 2,
Hongkong, January 15, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co.,
Ship Brokers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "AGATE,"
PURE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. 1. German Bark "CONDOR,"
STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship "FLEETWING,"
GUZZ, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gordon Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m., To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fe4

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARQUE *ABBEY COWPER*, FROM ANTWERP.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *YANGTSE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Yangtse*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at 8 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 1st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN, Agent.

Ex "*Iravaddy*."

G (in diamond) No. 173, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FORREY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gony.—Landstein & Co.
PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

PAULINE, German steamer, Capt. Horn- abeim.—Siemssen & Co.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. Fowler.—Russell & Co.

ALFREDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

HAKON ADELSTEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BRETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.

S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

CHANEL QUEEN, British ship, Captain Le Lacheur.—E. Schellhass & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship

"KWANGTUNG."

Capt. PUNHARD, will be de- patched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRACK & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe2

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe26

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "*GORDON CASTLE*" will be dispatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe1

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship, "*BLACK HAWK*," HOWLAND, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark, "*ROSETTA McNEIL*," BROWN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/4 L.L.L. Norwegian Ship "*AMUND*," TOMASEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Barkentine "*MIGNON*," SOULE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "*HAZELHURST*," GOUDEY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

AVIS.

IL sera procédé le MARDI, 11 Février, 1879, à deux heures et demie de l'après-midi, à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France à Hongkong, à l'adjudication de la fourniture:

1. Des VIVRES DE JOURNALIER ET DE CAMARADES.

2. Du MATÉRIEL.

3. Du CHARBON DE TERRE.

Destinés à assurer à Hongkong le ravitaillement des Navires composant la Division navale des mers de Chine et du Japon.

Les Cahiers des conditions de ces fournitures sont déposés à la Chancellerie du Consulat où les négociants désireux de participer à l'adjudication pourront en prendre connaissance.

Les offres de ces négociants, présentées sous forme de soumission ou d'engagement, devront comprendre toutes les matières et denrées indiquées au Cahier des charges, et mentionner les prix auxquels ils consentiront à fournir chacune de ces matières et denrées.

Hongkong, le 29 Janvier, 1879.

Le Consul de France,

I. FLICHON.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1879, at Half-past 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Consulate of France, Tenders will be received and decided for the Supply of:

1st.—PROVISIONS.

2nd.—STORES AND MATERIALS.

3rd.—COAL.

Intended for the Re-equipping and Furnishing of the Vessels composing the naval Division of the French Fleet in China and Japan.

The conditions under which the Tenders will be received, and the particulars of the Articles to be supplied, are deposited at the French Consulate, where parties desiring to tender can inspect them.

The Tenders, which are to be presented accompanied with a signed form of engagement, should comprise all the Provisions and Materials mentioned in the particulars referred to above, and include the prices at which the contractor will undertake to supply each description of Provisions and Materials.

Hongkong, January 29th, 1879.

I. FLICHON, Consul for France.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 30, Malacca, British steamer, 1709, H. E. Smith, Yokohama Jan. 23, daylight, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Jan. 30, Mosquito, H. M. gunboat, 495, Grey, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Macao Jan. 30.
Jan. 30, Nestor, British steamer, 1414, F. W. Freeman, Liverpool Nov. 30, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 21, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 30, Koro, for Guam.
80, Yesso, for Coast Ports.
30, China, for Shanghai.
30, F. Nightingale, for Tientsin.
30, Emilio V., for Nagasaki.
80, Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Charite, for Tientsin.
Paralos, for Tientsin.
Hawthorn, for Tientsin.
Danube, for Bangkok.
Meit, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama, Mrs Griffin and infant, Mr and Mrs David Murray, 2 children and servant, Mrs Wright and child, Mr Edmond Taylor and servant, for Southampton; Mrs Griffin's servant and Mr George Dennis, 18 Distressed Seamen, and 9 Chinese deck, for Hongkong.

Per Nestor, from Liverpool, &c., Messrs Otterson and Hogan, Mrs Wilson, Capt. Vincent, Mrs Belcher, and 94 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Yesso, for Fochow, Mr H. J. Breakdoff; for Tientsin via Amoy, Mr H. Shuglo.
Per Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai.—80 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

None.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, AND HIOGO.—
Per *Gordon Castle*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—
Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st February.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 3rd February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Pekin* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe4

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fe22

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

1.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until the time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Yangtse* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
Dividend of 3 % on Shares of H. O. & M. Steamboat Co. payable at H. & S. Bank.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 1:—
Daylight.—*Gordon Castle* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

SUNDAY, February 2:—
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, February 3:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Registrar of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 15th February, inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 4:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, February 8:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, February 10:—
9 p.m.—Opera by the H. K. Choral Society at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 11:—
Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 24th February, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 12:—
Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 26th February, inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 15:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

SATURDAY, February 22:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, February 24:—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 26:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1879.

Our fellow colonists in Singapore seem to be suffering from a similar trouble in regard to prison accommodation to that which is afflicting the community in Hongkong. On the 7th January a discussion ensued in the Straits Legislative Council on this subject, which for length entirely eclipses the terribly long proceedings that have, since Mr Hennessy's arrival, distinguished the meetings of the Hongkong legislators. The discussion was raised by a motion, introduced by the Hon. W. H. Read: "That the construction of a new Gaol, at an expense of \$358,000, is undesirable, considering that the present site can be made available for all penal purposes for a much smaller sum, and considering that other important Departments of Government, such as Hospitals, Police, and Courts of Justice, require a considerably increased expenditure to make them efficient." It will be seen from the wording of this resolution how greatly the plight of our Singapore friends resembles our own.

Lord Carnarvon also appears to have been the estimable statesman whom the Singaporeans have chiefly to thank for this call upon their Treasury for \$358,000. However much the estimable ex-minister in question may be admired on some grounds, we are not inclined to the belief that many tears were shed over his disappearance from the Colonial Office by residents in this part of the world. The history of the Singapore gaol extension question appears to be somewhat as follows. A Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the murder of Superintendent Dent were asked to extend the scope of their enquiry to

the prison accommodation. They did so, and recommended that efforts should be at once made to induce the Indian Government to permit the transportation of the long-sentenced prisoners to the Andaman Islands, or, should not the Indian Government give its consent to such arrangement, that steps should be taken for securing some other place to which these prisoners might be transported. Failing these arrangements, the Committee recommended the construction of a new Gaol on Pearl's Hill at a probable cost, deducting the value of the present site, of about \$150,000.

As was the case with this Colony, Lord Carnarvon appears to have dismissed at once the idea of the transportation, by the Singapore authorities, of long-sentenced prisoners to the Indian or to any other possessions. The question of building a new prison on a new site, or of reconstructing the existing one, had then to be taken into consideration. In the first instance the Governor was in favour of adopting the recommendation of the Committee and building a new prison on Pearl's Hill, but after perusing medical and other reports regarding the present site, Sir William Jervois gave as his opinion that the existing prison could easily be made to fulfil all reasonable requirements, including the separate system. On the proposal to reconstruct or alter the present prison, however, being submitted by Sir William Jervois to Lord Carnarvon, His Lordship, following the same course as he has

